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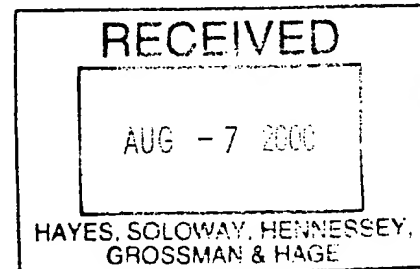
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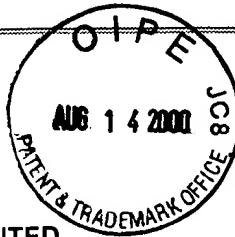
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TITLE OF INVENTION

PASSIVE Q-SWITCHED MICROLASER WITH CONTROLLED POLARISATION

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

Applicants respectfully request that you make the following amendments prior to examination.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-16.

Please add new claims 17-32 as follows:

17. Laser cavity with controlled polarization containing a substrate made of a doped or undoped active laser material  $Y_3Al_5O_{12}$  (YAG) on which a monocrystalline layer of saturable absorbent material made of doped YAG is deposited directly by liquid phase epitaxy or by a similar process, in which the said active laser material has a [100] orientation, and the said monocrystalline layer of saturable absorbent material is deposited with the same [100] orientation.

18. Laser cavity according to claim 17, in which the said monocrystalline layer of doped saturable absorbent material is obtained by liquid phase epitaxy (LPE).

19. Cavity according to claim 17, in which the substrate is a YAG active laser material, doped by one or several doping ion(s) that confer active laser material properties on it, and for example chosen among the Nd, Cr, Er, Yb, Ho, Tm, and Ce ions.



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20. Cavity according to claim 19, in which the doping ion is neodymium (Nd).

21. Cavity according to claim 19, in which the proportion of the doping ion(s) is 0.1 to 10 moles % for each ion.

22. Laser cavity according to claim 17, in which the monocrystalline layer of a saturable absorbent material is a YAG doped with one or several doping ions chosen among Chromium (Cr), Erbium (Er), Thulium (Tm), and Holmium (Ho) ions.

23. Laser cavity according to claim 22, in which the said doping ion is Chromium.

24. Cavity according to claim 22, in which the proportion of the doping ion(s) is 1 to 10 moles % for each doping ion.

25. Cavity according to claim 17, in which the layer and/or the substrate are (also) doped with at least one (other) doping agent or substitute in order to modify their structural and/or optical properties.

26. Cavity according to claim 25, in which the said (other) doping ion is chosen among gallium and inactive rare earths.

27. Cavity according to claim 17, in which the thickness of the monocrystalline layer of saturable absorbent material is between 1 and 500  $\mu\text{m}$ .

28. Cavity according to claim 17, in which the said monocrystalline layer of saturable absorbent material is a thin layer with a thickness of between 1 and 150  $\mu\text{m}$ .

29. Cavity according to claim 17, which also comprises an entry mirror and an exit mirror, the said entry mirror being directly deposited on the substrate made of a saturable absorbent material.

30. Laser cavity according to claim 29, in which the exit mirror is directly deposited on the monocrystalline layer made of a saturable absorbent material.

31. Process for the collective production of triggered microlaser cavities with controlled polarization comprising the following steps:

- a substrate made of a doped or undoped  $Y_3Al_5O_{12}$  (YAG) active laser material with a [100] orientation is supplied in the shape of a sheet with parallel faces polished on its two faces;
- a monocrystalline layer of doped YAG saturable absorbent material is deposited on one of the faces of the said  $Y_3Al_5O_{12}$  (YAG) active laser material, by liquid phase epitaxy or by a similar process;
- the saturable absorbent monocrystalline layer thus deposited is polished;
- the entry and exit mirrors are deposited on the two polished faces of the cavity;
- the substrate - monocrystalline layer - mirrors complex thus obtained is cut out.

32. Triggered laser with controlled polarization comprising a cavity like the cavity according to claim 17, and pumping means for this cavity.

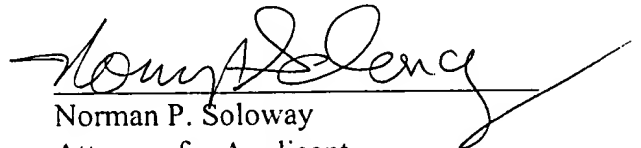




### REMARKS

The claims have been amended to better defines Applicants' invention. Examination of the application, as amended, is respectfully requested. The Applicants request that the filing fee be calculated based on the claims as amended. Examination of the application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,


  
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